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Re: Application of Peter BECKER
METHOD FOR MONITORING AN AUTOMATION UNIT
Assignee: SIEMENS AKTIENGESELLSCHAFT
Our Ref. Q80085

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising sixteen (1) sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, and four (4) sheets of drawings. Also enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement and PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified), an International Search Report with partial translation, and two (2) references. A translation of the International Preliminary Examination Report is also enclosed. **Copies of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment will be submitted at a later date.**

The present application is being filed as a Continuation Application, under 35 U.S.C. § 111 (a) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.53, of International Application PCT/DE02/03650, filed September 26, 2002, in accordance with the procedures outlined in Sections 1895 et seq. of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure. To facilitate the Examiner's review, Applicants are submitting herewith a copy of the Cover Page of the published International Application and a copy of Applicants' PCT Request.

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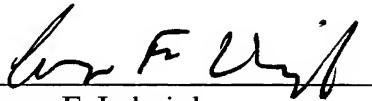
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<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
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